



AMERICA'S TRUMAN SCHOLARS

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A better future relies on attracting to public service the commitment and sound judgment of bright, outstanding young leaders. This belief is what led President Truman, when approached by a bipartisan group of admirers near the end of his life, to encourage the creation of a living memorial devoted to this purpose rather than a bricks and mortar monument. For 36 years, the Truman Scholarship Foundation has fulfilled that mission: supporting the potential of terrific young people from across the United States committed to public service, more than 2,800 so far.

Our purpose is clear. The need more urgent than ever. Whether the issue is jobs or climate change, fiscal reform or health care, our national affairs are all too often seen as mired in division and paralysis, highly polarized and drowning in private dollars. And the institutions that conduct our nation's affairs lack public confidence, especially the trust of younger Americans.

It is in this environment that the Truman Scholarship Foundation, initially only a source of scholarship support, today nurtures, supports and sustains the ideals and ambitions of young leaders. Along with providing scholarships for graduate school, we operate a week-long program for each new class of Truman Scholars that builds community among them and ensures deep mentoring from more seasoned Scholars. We also bring Truman Scholars to Washington, DC, for anywhere from three months to two years—after college but before graduate school—and place them in positions with the federal government or with nationally focused nonprofit organizations.

Thirty-six years into our work, we honor President Truman with a unique approach to effecting outstanding public service leadership, an approach he prescribed and that is simultaneously low-cost and high-impact.

This report chronicles the key activities of the Truman Foundation in 2012, and it highlights the ways that the Foundation in its thirty-sixth year of operation represents an outstanding public investment, one that honors a president from the last century by preparing leaders for the challenges of the future.

The 2012 Selection Process

In 2012, the Truman Foundation selected 54 new Truman Scholars. The new Scholars were announced on March 30, 2012, after a rigorous national selection process during which they were chosen from among 587 applications received from students at 292 different colleges and universities.

The selection process began with a review of all received applications by the Foundation's Finalist Selection Committee, a group made up of eighteen former Truman Scholars, distinguished public servants and admissions representatives from top law and public affairs graduate programs. The committee met for three days in Annapolis, Maryland, shortly after the February 7th application deadline and selected 191 finalists from among the 587 applications received.

Then, during the month of March, these finalists were interviewed in-person by one of sixteen Regional Review Panels convened across the country with each panel consisting of 5-8 senior figures in public service, including many former Truman Scholars. These panels made final choices about the 2012 class of Truman Scholars, a group of 54 new Scholars representing 48 different institutions, including 21 public colleges and universities plus three of the service academies.

In total, 110 elected officials, distinguished public servants, former Truman Scholars, and graduate admissions representatives gave their time to assist the Truman Foundation with the 2012 Scholar selection process. In addition, the Truman Foundation relied on the superb efforts of the hundreds of faculty and fellowship advisers at the institutions from which we received applications.

The 54 new Truman Scholars selected in 2012 are diverse in just about every way imaginable, except in their shared commitments to public service leadership. Seven are current or former active duty military or cadets at one of the service academies. Twenty-one have focused their energies on international issues, while the remaining thirty-three are engaged with domestic concerns.

Two colleges had their first ever Truman Scholars in 2012: Abilene Christian University in Texas, and Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania. And we selected our first Truman Scholar from America Samoa in more than twenty years. The names and brief information about each of the 2012 Truman Scholars are included at the end of this report. Truman Scholarships were conferred in a ceremony at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri, on May 27, 2012.

Truman Programming

When the first class of Truman Scholars was selected in 1977, the freshly minted Scholars – all college sophomores – were flown to Independence, Missouri, for a weekend ceremony to be recognized among their peers and sent off with \$20,000 in scholarship support. The money *was* the award. Back then, Scholars received support for their last two years of college and the first portion of a graduate program, and they met each other only that one time, as they received the award in Missouri. From there, we sent them off to finish their educations with independence from one another and from the Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Times have changed, and so has the Truman Scholar experience. During the past 36 years, the number and types of graduate programs relevant to public service have multiplied; so too have the challenges facing leaders in public service. In response, the mandate of the Truman Foundation has evolved so that we not only provide financial support to an outstanding collection of individual “change agents,” but we also seek to build community among them. Community building among Truman Scholars strengthens their knowledge of the diverse paths to public service leadership, it deepens their commitment to lead and work in collaboration with others, and it forms bonds of lasting friendship that inevitably come in handy during challenging times, both personal and professional.

We begin with a new class of Scholars in late May, when each group is brought together for five days in Missouri for Truman Scholars Leadership Week (TSLW). The week consists of community and team building activities, leadership development, and policy discussions. The new Scholars are provided with intensive mentoring throughout the week by a group of nine former Truman Scholars, all of whom are about ten years into their chosen careers. These “Senior Scholars” take part in group and one-on-one sessions about the personal and professional trials and tribulations associated with careers in public service.

In 2012, we were joined at TSLW by four distinguished public service leaders, three of whom are former Truman Scholars, who spent time speaking to and interacting with the new class of Truman Scholars

- Bill Black, former litigation director for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and author of *The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One*, spoke with the Scholars about the prospects for additional financial reform in the wake of the 2008 financial sector collapse.
- Stacey Abrams (MS '94) spoke with the new Scholars about her path to becoming the Minority Leader of the Georgia State Assembly. She is the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly is the first African-American to lead in the House of Representatives.

- William Dobson (SC '94), the Politics and Foreign Affairs editor for *Slate*, addressed the group about the subject of his new book, *The Dictator's Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy*.
- Terry Babcock-Lumish (PA '96) was the final speaker of the week and was recipient of the Truman Foundation's 2012 Staats Award. Named for the Truman Foundation's former Chairman, Elmer Staats, the Staats Award each year recognizes a Truman Scholar who has led a distinguished public service career and made significant contributions to the Truman Scholar community. As the Staats Award recipient, Babcock-Lumish keynoted the Scholar Awards Ceremony at the Truman Library and shared lessons of her path through the senior levels of political, government, and nonprofit service.

It has long been our custom at the Truman Foundation to organize TSLW to produce a state of "constructive confusion" for new Truman Scholars: encouraging the Scholars to carefully examine their chosen professional paths along with their plans for graduate study, all outlined with great specificity in their Scholar applications. In many cases, we advise new Scholars to take time off between college and graduate school in order to acquire professional experience and to clarify that their chosen graduate degrees make the most sense for what they want to be doing in the long term.

In order to assist Scholars in these regards, the Foundation supports two programs that bring Truman Scholars to Washington, DC, for a period between college and graduate study to participate in internships or jobs in public service. The first of these programs is the Truman Summer Institute, available to Truman Scholars a year following when they receive the award, typically the summer after they graduate from college. Summer Institute is designed to deepen understanding of the national policymaking process and enhance community among participants.

In 2012, 42 Truman Scholars from the class of 2011 participated in Summer Institute. In addition to participation in internships across the federal government and in nationally focused nonprofits, the Scholars came together every Tuesday evening to make presentations to one another – short "Ted-like" talks – to better acquaint their fellow Scholars with their states, hobbies, or interests.

Scholars also spent a day on Capitol Hill where they learned more about the legislative branch in a program jointly sponsored with the Stennis Center for Public Service. They heard from Senator Chris Coons, a 1983 Truman Scholar from Delaware, and they met with senior congressional staff who had participated in the Stennis Fellows Program.

In addition, Summer Institute participants spent half a day at the Supreme Court, where they had the opportunity to hear from Justice Clarence Thomas about the role of the Court in the American political science. They heard as well from Renee Stone (FL '83), the 2012 recipient of the Truman Foundation's Stevens Award, an annual

award to a Truman Scholar who has distinguished him- or herself in the legal profession. The award is named for Judge Joseph E. Stevens, Jr., a former Chairman of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. Renee Stone is currently Chief of Staff at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Following Summer Institute, sixteen of the Summer Institute participants stayed on in Washington, DC, to participate in the year-long Truman-Albright Fellows Program, a program made possible thanks to the generous support of the Truman Foundation's President, Madeleine K. Albright. Truman-Albright Fellows have full-time positions in public service and participate in activities designed to expand their knowledge, horizons, and networks as public service leaders. They are required to participate in fifteen Tuesday evening workshops (with meetings once every two weeks between October and April) and in a unique mentoring program that matches each of them with a more experienced Truman Scholar with similar interests.

The program is well underway for 2012-13. By the end of the program, as in prior years, Truman-Albright Fellows will be better equipped to make decisions about their professional futures and better supported to make those decisions with the advice of a wide range of seasoned leaders in public service.

The Truman Scholar Experience

Over the years, the Truman Scholarship Foundation has refined a program that begins with the best features of other long-established, high prestige national scholarships (e.g., Rhodes and Marshall) by partnering with almost 300 of the leading colleges and universities across the country to identify the nation's most talented young leaders. We combine these qualities with a single-minded and long-term programmatic commitment to improving the ranks of public service and the direction of national affairs in the United States.

A look back suggests that our impact has been substantial. Truman Scholars serve in elected and appointed positions at all levels of government: mayors, state legislators, state and local judges, and, at the national level, a member of the U.S. Senate, a member of the U.S. House, and two members of President Obama's Cabinet. In 2012, twelve Truman Scholars stood for election, and all twelve won their races.

Truman Scholars are leading major foundations and national and international NGOs. Across the country and around the world, Truman Scholars are judges, legislators, executives, and organizers; they are teachers, doctors, scientists, and scholars. A partial list of where some Truman Scholars are today is included at the end of this report. It is a remarkable group, a signal of our success at achieving precisely what President Truman and his admirers had in mind when the Truman Scholarship Foundation was conceived as the living memorial to our 33rd president.

2012 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

Alexander W. Bores [NY]

Cornell University
Major: Industrial and Labor Relations
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: International Labor Law

Zachary James Brown [MT]

University of Montana
Major: Environmental Studies, Climate Change Studies
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: Environmental Law

Ryan Carter [VA]

Hampden-Sydney College
Major: Economics and Commerce
Degree Sought: MPP/MBA
Career Goal: Education Reform

Alexander Chaitoff [OH]

Ohio State University
Major: Microbiology and Political Science
Degree Sought: MD/MPH
Career Goal: Public Health

Benjamin David Chou [TX]

Rice University
Major: Political Science, Asian Studies, Energy Policy Studies
Degree Sought: MIA
Career Goal: Environmental Policy

Elyssa Rae-Ann Correia [HI]

University of Hawaii-Hilo
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: Youth Advocacy

Madeleine Gorkin Daepf [PA]

Washington University
Major: Economics; Mathematics
Degree Sought: JD/MS
Career Goal: Agricultural Law

Evan DeFilippis [OK]

University of Oklahoma
Major: Economics, Political Science, Psychology,
Mathematics
Degree Sought: MPA
Career Goal: International Development

Ashley Victoria Edgette [UT]

University of Utah
Major: Political Science, Environmental Studies
Degree Sought: MUP
Career Goal: Community Development

Ryan Cole Flamerich [AL]

University of Alabama
Major: Political Science / Chemical and Biological
Engineering
Degree Sought: JD/MPP
Career Goal: Environmental Law

Joanna Beth Foote [CO]

Georgetown University
Major: International Culture and Politics
Degree Sought: JD/MPP
Career Goal: International Law

Walter M. Fortson Jr. [NJ]

Rutgers University
Major: Exercise Science and Sports Studies: Exercise
Physiology Option
Degree Sought: PhD
Career Goal: Prison Reform

Daniel Gastfriend [MA]

Princeton University
Major: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International
Affairs
Degree Sought: MPP/MBA
Career Goal: Economic Development

Ian Joseph Gibson [WY]

United States Air Force Academy
Major: Economics Major / Spanish Minor
Degree Sought: MA
Career Goal: Economic Policy

Jacob Simon Glass [CT]

Muhlenberg College
Major: Environmental Science and International Studies
Degree Sought: MS
Career Goal: Marine Policy

Travis John Glynn [WI]

University of Southern California
Major: International Relations
Degree Sought: MSFS
Career Goal: Foreign Service

Nicole R. Golden [ME]

University of Maine
Major: Psychology, Sociology
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: Family Law

Noël Augustus Gordon, Jr. [NV]

University of Michigan
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: JD/MPP
Career Goal: Civil Rights

Bess Ibtisam Hanish [CA]

Amherst College
Major: Anthropology; Political Science
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: International Human Rights

Tyler J. Hatch [ID]

The College of Idaho
Major: History and Political Economy
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: International Human Rights

Sejal Hathi [CA]

Yale University
Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology
Degree Sought: MD/MPH
Career Goal: International Human Rights

Felipe Hernandez [CA]

University of California-Irvine
Major: Political Science and Music Performance-Guitar/Lute
Degree Sought: JD/MPP
Career Goal: Education Reform

Akbar Hossain [PA]

Franklin & Marshall College
Major: Government
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: Immigration Law

Chelsea Garnet Johnson [NE]

Nebraska Wesleyan University
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: MPA
Career Goal: Energy Policy

Tyler Jones [MI]

University of Michigan
Major: Asymmetric Conflict; Middle Eastern and North African Studies
Degree Sought: MA
Career Goal: Foreign Service

Phoebe McDaniel Kotlikoff [NY]

United States Naval Academy
Major: Quantitative Economics
Degree Sought: MPP
Career Goal: Nuclear Submarine Command

Kristen Ann Lee [IL]

Duke University
Major: Sociology
Degree Sought: MD/MPH
Career Goal: Public Health

Leah Luben [AZ]

Arizona State University
Major: Economics
Degree Sought: PhD
Career Goal: Economic Policy

Ethan Lynch [KY]

Washington University
Major: International Studies, Arabic Lang & Literature
Degree Sought: MSFS
Career Goal: Foreign Affairs

J'Taime Brion Lyons [NC]

Wake Forest University
Major: Sociology
Degree Sought: Med
Career Goal: Education Reform

Cameron McCord [VA]

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Major: Nuclear Science and Engineering, Physics
Degree Sought: MS
Career Goal: Nuclear Security

Brock McIntosh [IL]

University of Maryland College Park
Major: History, Sociology
Degree Sought: MPP
Career Goal: International Conflict Resolution

Hamid I. Nasir [AK]

United States Military Academy
Major: Comparative Politics and Arabic
Degree Sought: MPA
Career Goal: Foreign Service

Alicia Yvette Nieves [IN]

Indiana University
Major: Political Science, Human Migration Studies
Degree Sought: JD
Career Goal: Immigration Law

Mike Norton [AR]

University of Arkansas
Major: Agricultural Economics, Poultry Science
Degree Sought: PhD
Career Goal: Economic Policy

Victoria Okuneye [MN]

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Major: Brain and Cognitive Sciences
Degree Sought: MD/PhD
Career Goal: International Health

Russell M. Page [NM]

Claremont McKenna College
Major: Government and History
Degree Sought: MPP
Career Goal: Education Reform

Brittany Partridge [MN]

Abilene Christian University
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: JD/MSFS
Career Goal: Foreign Service

Charity Anna Porotesano [AS]

Grinnell College
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: MEd
Career Goal: Education Reform

Anne M. Preston [MD]

Temple University
Major: Geography & Urban Studies, Environmental Studies
Degree Sought: MBA/MSW
Career Goal: Economic Development

Brent M. Reader [VT]

University of Vermont
Major: Social Work
Degree Sought: DSW
Career Goal: Social Work

Rahul Rekhi [TX]

Rice University
Major: Bioengineering, Economics
Degree Sought: PhD/MPP
Career Goal: Science Policy

Joseph Riley [TN]

University of Virginia
Major: Honors Major in Government and Foreign Affairs;
Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Literature
Degree Sought: MA
Career Goal: Foreign Policy

Benjamin R. Saul [SC]

Furman University
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: MPP
Career Goal: Education Reform

Benjamin Jacob Seebaugh [WV]

West Virginia University
Major: Political Science and International Studies
Degree Sought: JD/MA
Career Goal: International Human Rights

Khan Shoieb [NY]

Amherst College
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: JD/MS
Career Goal: Immigration Law

Emma Louise Smith [FL]

Cornell University
Major: History, Geography
Degree Sought: LLM
Career Goal: International Human Rights

Joanna Smith [KS]

Dartmouth College
Major: Sociology and American Studies
Degree Sought: JD/EdLD
Career Goal: Education Reform

Conner Spinks [IA]

University of Iowa
Major: Political Science
Degree Sought: MSW
Career Goal: LGBTQ Advocacy

Connor Stangler [MO]

Truman State University
Major: English, History
Degree Sought: JD/PhD
Career Goal: Economic Policy

Emma Cathleen Steigerwald [GA]

Vanderbilt University
Major: Molecular and Cellular Biology
Degree Sought: PhD
Career Goal: Wildlife Medicine

Fay Walker [RI]

Occidental College
Major: Diplomacy and World Affairs
Degree Sought: MIA
Career Goal: International Development

Jessica Wamala [NH]

Villanova University
Major: Political Science, Arab and Islamic Studies, Honors
Degree Sought: MPP
Career Goal: Foreign Service

Katherine Elida Warren [WA]

Harvard University
Major: Anthropology
Degree Sought: MD/MPP
Career Goal: International Health

WHERE THEY ARE NOW....
A Sampling of Truman Scholars

Elected Officials

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| Stacey Abrams, MS 1994 | Minority Leader, Georgia General Assembly |
| Jules Bailey, OR 2000 | Oregon State Representative |
| Nader Baroukh, CA 1996 | Mayor, Falls Church, Virginia |
| Chris Coons, DE 1983 | U.S. Senate from Delaware |
| Bill deBlasio, MA 1981 | New York City Public Advocate |
| Ted Deutch, PA 1986 | U.S. House of Representatives from Florida |
| Justin Finizio, RI 1998 | Mayor of New London, Connecticut |
| Bill Gates, NV 1991 | Phoenix (AZ) City Council |
| Todd Gloria, CA 1999 | San Diego, CA, City Council |
| Cyrus Habib, WA 2002 | Washington State Representative |
| Jeff King, KS 1996 | Kansas State Senate |
| Brad Lander, MO 1989 | New York City Council |
| Heather Mizeur, IL 1994 | Maryland State Delegate |
| Chris Nybo, IL 1998 | Illinois General Assembly |
| Ryan Quarles, KY 2005 | Kentucky State Representative |
| Kesha Ram, CA 2007 | Vermont State Representative |
| Warwick Sabin, AR 1997 | Arkansas State Representative |
| Mac Schneider, ND 2001 | North Dakota State Representative |
| Greg Stanton, AZ 1990 | Mayor of Phoenix, Arizona |
| Bryan Townsend, DE 2003 | Delaware State Senate |
| Michael Tubbs, CA 2011 | Stockton, CA, City Council |
| Dayne Walling, MI 1995 | Mayor of Flint, Michigan |
| Jake Zimmerman, MO 1995 | County Assessor, St Louis County, Missouri |

Appointed Executive Branch Officials

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| David Agnew, SC 1986 | White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs |
| Jacqueline Berrien, DC 1981 | Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission |
| Richard Constable, NJ 1993 | Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs |
| Jon Favreau, MA 2002 | White House Director of Speechwriting |

Appointed Executive Branch Officials (continued)

Max Finberg, NY 1990 Director, USDA Ctr for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships
Michele Gavin, AZ 1995 U.S. Ambassador to Botswana
Carolyn Lerner, MI 1984 Director, U.S. Office of Special Counsel
Janet Napolitano, NM 1977 Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Susan Rice, DC 1984 U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
Jake Sullivan, MN 1997 Director, Office of Policy Planning, U.S. State Department

Judiciary/Courts/Justice

Chiraag Bains, MA 2002 Trial Attorney, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ
Linda Epperly, OK 1981 Assistant U.S. Attorney for Oklahoma
Neil Gorsuch, CO 1987 Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
Howard Hawk, AL 1978 State Circuit Court Judge, Alabama
Rachel Paulose, MN 1993 United States Attorney for Minnesota
G. Murray Snow, NV 1982 Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
Anthony Vitarelli, NJ 2004 Law Clerk, Former Supreme Court Justice David Souter

Armed Forces

Brian Babcock-Lumish, MD '01 Major, U.S. Army; Asst Prof, U.S. Military Academy
Michael Campbell, NJ 2009 Ensign, U.S. Navy
Don Gomez, NY 2009 Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
Jeff McLean, WI 2003 Aviator and Lieutenant, U.S. Navy
Sunny Ramchandani, CA 1997 Physician, U.S. Navy

Nonprofit Sector and Journalists

David Adkins, KS 1981 President & CEO, Council of State Governments
Tico Almeida, WI 1998 Founder & Exec Director, Freedom to Work
Seth Andrew, RI 1999 Founder & Superintendent, Democracy Prep Schools
John Kroger, CA 1987 President, Reed College
Laurel McFarland, NM 1982 Exec Director, Nat'l Assc of Schools of Public Affairs & Admin
Jina Moore, WV 2001 Regular Contributor, *Christian Science Monitor*
George Stephanopoulos, OH 1980 Anchor, *ABC's Good Morning America & This Week*
Jeffrey Toobin, NY 1980 Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*; Analyst, CNN

FY 2011 and FY 2012 Financials

| | FY 2011 | FY 2012 |
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| Income: | | |
| Interest Income | \$1,772,157.00 | \$1,323,229.00 |
| Appropriation | \$748,000.00 | \$748,000.00 |
| Total Income: | \$2,520,157.00 | \$2,071,229.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Scholarship Awards & Programming | \$1,612,971.00 | \$1,582,985.00 |
| Rent, Salaries & Overhead | \$671,837.00 | \$791,001.00 |
| Total Payments: | \$2,284,808.00 | \$2,373,986.00 |
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| Total Scholarship Support Paid Since 1977 | \$51,139,756.00 | \$52,357,372.00 |